

In the Claims

Please add the following claims:

28. (New) A method for distributing information to user terminals of a satellite communications system:

transmitting information from a first terminal in a first spot beam to a satellite;

transmitting the information from the satellite to a first hub in the first spot beam;

routing the information from the first hub over a land-based network to a second hub in a second spot beam;

transmitting the information from the second hub in the second spot beam to the satellite;

and

transmitting the information from satellite to a second terminal in the second spot beam.

29. (New) The method of Claim 28, further comprising spatially isolating the first spot beam from the second spot beam.

30. (New) The method of Claim 28, further comprising transmitting the information from the satellite to a third terminal positioned in the first spot beam after the step of transmitting information from the first terminal in the first spot beam to the satellite.

31. (New) The method of Claim 28, further comprising:

transmitting the information from the first terminal in the first beam at a first frequency,

and

transmitting the information from the satellite to the first hub in the first beam at a second frequency.

32. (New) The method of Claim 28, further comprising:
transmitting the information from the first terminal in the first beam at a first polarization,
and
transmitting the information from the satellite to the first hub in the first beam at a second
polarization.

33. (New) The method of Claim 28, further comprising routing the information from the
first hub over a wide area network (WAN) to a second hub in a second spot beam.